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PRESS RELEASE

County Executive Invites Public to Virtually Honor Veterans

Streckenbach Promoting Local Memorial Day Commemoration

(Brown County, Wis.) – Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach is encouraging veterans in Brown County, along with their family, friends, and the general public to honor the fallen by participating in a virtual Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 25, 2020.

"Our community owes a debt of gratitude to those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this great nation," says Streckenbach. "While Brown County Public Health recommends people avoid mass gatherings, we can still honor and express our sincerest gratitude to those soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen that gave their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today."

"Memorial Day is the day we set aside to remember with gratitude and reverence all those who served and died for our freedoms and our country," says Joe Aulik, Director of the Brown County Veterans Service Office. "Only the veterans and their families understand the deep sacrifices of emotional pain and loss it takes to maintain and secure the freedoms we enjoy in our country today. We encourage everyone to stop and take a moment to remember those who died and keep their families in their thoughts and prayers. We also ask you to make a pledge to yourself and determine what you can do each and every day to maintain this freedom that was unselfishly secured for you."

At 4:00 p.m., the United Patriotic Society will hold their annual *Wreath Laying Ceremony* at Admiral Flatley Park in downtown Green Bay. This ceremony will also be available virtually by going to the *Brown County Veterans Service Office Facebook* page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/BrownCVSO</u> where it will be live-streamed.

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